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Cuban President In Spat With American Newsmen

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Havana, Aug. 9.—The Cuban government yesterday staged a new parade of captured "U. S. subversion agents" yesterday and provoked an unexpected side attraction—an exchange between President Osvaldo Dorticos Torrado and American reporters over their coverage of the Cuban charges against the Central Intelligence Agency.

"How can any honest man have the slightest doubt this is a C. I. A. infiltration of our country?" Dorticos challenged the handful of U. S. newsmen here. "You should ask President Johnson about the evidence and what he has to say about it."

The exchange came as the government was displaying to reporters and delegates to the Latin-American Solidarity Organization Conference two prisoners it said had been captured Sunday in the Cuban province of Pinar del Rio.

The two, identified as Anibal Garcia Diaz and Daniel R. Garcia Casanas,

confessed before T. V. cameras in the grand salon of the Havana Libre Hotel they were Cuban exiles in the employ of the C. I. A. They had entered Cuba, the pair said, to cache radio transmission equipment for use by other C. I. A. operatives on the island.

Garcia Diaz, his arm in a sling, was described as having been wounded at his capture. He was excused a few minutes after the interrogation began.